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ACCOUNT

Of a Late

Horrid and Bloody Massacre

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IRELAND

Of several Thousands of Protestants;

Procur'd and carry'd on by the

L. Tyrconnel and his Adherents.

Which Occasioned the *English*, under the Conduct of the Lords Grenard, Mountjoy, &c. to seize and secure the said Tyrconnel, in the Castle of Dublin, in order to be sent for *England*.

From the Death of the late King *Charles* the Second, of blessed Memory, the *Irish* date their Happiness; and from the first Promotion of Mr. Talbot, to the Earldom of Tyrconnel, they conclude in the contiguance of it: The crafty Priests to the Natives Zeal to the Cause, having In-duced, by way of Prophecy, into their Minds, *That one of that Title should free them from the Sla-*ve of their Conquerors, and render that Kingdom independent of all other Nations: And that, having been credibly Inform'd, made the now Governor sue to the King for that particular Title, by which he did not only satisfy his own Ambition, but rais'd his Reputation so among the *Irish*, as they look'd upon him now no other-*wise* than their Guardian Angel and Deliverer. And now being Commissioned by the King, first as Check-Master General to the Army, and presently after Lord Deputy, and General Go-vernour (though directly contrary to an Act of Parliament, which admits of no *Irish-man* Born to that Office) his first Business was to new Mo-*del* the Army, which in one Years time he did so effectually, that of seven or eight Thousand, there was hardly one Hundred Officers and Sol-*diers* of the *English* left; the Name of *Protestants* in *English-man*, being a Crime too great to be offer'd in any Military or Civil Employment,

he having the whole disposal of all the first, and most of the other. Having now secur'd, and render'd himself Formidable to the *Protestants*, his next care was to ruine the Interest and Estates of all the *English* throughout the Kingdom; which he struck at by making *Irish Papists* Judges, in the Courts of Judicature, by dissolving the Charters, by packing of Juries, Sub-orning Witnesses, discountenancing the *Protestant* Councils, &c. So that in most Causes, especially in the Court of Exchequer; not the Right, but the Religion of the Defendant was chiefly con-*sider'd*: By this time Matters grew to such a Head, that His Lordship thought it necessary to Dis-arm the *Protestants* throughout the King-*dom*; but this Relolve not proving very ef-*fectual*, he proceeded to weaken the *English* first, and afterwards to provoke them by pub-*lick* Calumnies and Reproaches, branding all *Protestants* promiscuously, with the Title of Whiggs and Rebels; the Commonalty threat-*ning* daily what they would do if the KING should Dye, protesting with bitter Execrations, that they would never part with the Sword now they had it, and daily marking out to them-*selves* such and such proportions of the *English* Estates: All this notwithstanding, the *English* patiently bore, making no other return than by applying themselves to some of the *English* Nobility,

ry, who represented their Case to the King, though without Redress: But now the apprehensions of the Prince of *Orange's* coming to *England*, being made known, *Tyrconnel* presently takes the alarm, and resolving on all the Injuries done to the *English*, made no doubt of their inclination to revenge; therefore no sooner the News of the *Dutch* landing arriv'd, but he sends his Emissary's to exasperate the *Irish*, by telling them that the *English* had sent for the *Dutch* to cut off the King, and destroy the Catholics throughout the three Kingdoms; so that in several places the *Irish* rose, and destroyed several Families; the Deputy issuing out at the same time, an Order to disarm all the Protestants; resolving that if matters miscarried here in *England*, to cut them all off, and set up for himself, according to the Sham-Prophecy aforementioned. But the Earl of *Grenard*, a very Noble and Worthy Protestant, and one exceeding powerful in the North, where the chief of the *English* strength lies; hearing of this Order, went boldly to the Deputy, desiring to know if he had Order from the King to disarm the Protestants, and desiring to see it, was refus'd: whereupon he told his Lordship plainly it should not be executed, if he could hinder it; and communicating presently the Design to the rest of the Protestant Nobility and Gentry; then forthwith sent Intelligence to all parts, with Advice to stand in their own defence to the utmost: which we hope, with some speedy assistance from *England*, will preserve that interest in the Kingdom, which the Protestants with their Blood, have dearly bought.

For this seasonable Intelligence, being well digested, by the Nobility and Gentry of the *English* Interest; they presently importune the Earl of *Inchiquen*, to make an early provision against the palpable, and now no longer doubted designs of the *Irish*; who thereupon immediately summons his party, already, though privately prepar'd for the business, so that in less than Ten days time, he had well nigh Eight Thousand Men, well appointed, and resolv'd to oppose the common Enemy: in the mean time the Lords *Grenard* and *Mounsey*, were not idle in *Dublin*, in making parties, and securing the *English* Militia, or

Trained-bands to their designs; not doubting that if they could secretly and seasonably seize the Lord *Tyrconnel*, they might with very little effusion of Blood, secure the whole Kingdom; so that now there seem'd nothing wanting, but a good pretence to send away all or most of the Army, remaining in and about *Dublin*, nor could this be long wanting, considering the necessity of quelling the growth of *Inchiquen's* party; for matters being come to a head, and my Lord *Mounsey's* Regiment being ordered to March towards the Enemy, before they were well got Fifteen Miles from the City, the Militia at an Hour appointed, rush unanimously into the Castle of *Dublin*, seizing immediately all the Gates, Ports, Avenues and Guards; while the Lords *Grenard* and *Mounsey* (who upon some feigned pretence) staid a while behind his Regiment with others, laid hold on the Lord *Tyrconnel*, putting him immediately under a strong Guard; and leaving a sufficient number to keep the Castle and City: the Militia, with what additional Forces they could appoint out of the Protestants that came in voluntarily to assist in the Business, made up a formidable Body, to resist the *Irish*; who upon the News were coming back to the rescue of the Deputy; but perceiving such an unexpected number ready to oppose them, they presently dispersed, so that the Castle and City were without much noise secured to the *English*, and the Lord *Tyrconnel* ready to be delivered into the Hands of Justice: The consequences of this Action are greater, then can readily be supposed, for beside the disabling that pretence of Authority by which they might then seem justly to act, we have weakned the hopes and expectations of those who repos'd on *Tyrconnel* as an infallible power. So that with those Forces that are said to be raising in the North, by the Interest of the Lords *Grenard*, *Mazarine*, *Mounsey*, and others; by the Lord *Inchiquen*, and the *English* Nobility and Gentry of *Munster*, and the Protestants in and about *Dublin*; It is not doubted, but by the help of God, that Kingdom may happily be relieved in a very short time, with a little loss of Blood, or otherwise, as *England*; which we hope and heartily pray for, &c.